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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Armed Forces Security Agency  
3001 Nebraska Avenue N.W.  
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SUBJECT: Custodian of Registered Cryptographic Material

The present custodian for the Central Intelligence Agency of the Armed Forces registered cryptographic material is the Chief of the Communications Division, a Naval Officer. The security and the responsibilities involved are completely recognized but a problem is created when the duties of the present custodian require that he be away from his office for any extended period of time. There is no other officer to whom the responsibility for such material may be transferred and the entire operation of this Section is consequently seriously hampered.

Eventually civilianization of this position must be anticipated and it is requested, therefore, that the Central Intelligence Agency be authorized to appoint a civilian to serve as the custodian of the Armed Forces registered cryptographic material. The Civil Service grade of the person to be designated will be a GS-10 or above and he will be fully cleared for all matters and will comply, naturally, with all security restrictions set forth concerning Armed Forces cryptographic material.

*Signed - via ER mail 2/9/50.*

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